

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

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A RESOLUTION to honor the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents of Coopertown Middle School upon its being honored as a Blue Ribbon/Lighthouse School of Excellence for 2006.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national accolades; and

WHEREAS, Coopertown Middle School in Robertson County is one of only three schools in the United States and the only school in Tennessee to be honored as a Blue Ribbon/Lighthouse School of Excellence for 2006; and

WHEREAS, having met all ninety-seven required criteria to be recognized as one of the very best schools in the nation, the dedicated educators and professional staff at Coopertown Middle School proudly received this honor on behalf of their school system and their county; and

WHEREAS under the dynamic leadership of Principal Mike Morris, the faculty, administration, and staff at Coopertown Middle School have built an environment and culture at their school which ensure that students have the very best atmosphere for learning; and

WHEREAS in evaluating the school for this prestigious honor, Blue Ribbon/Lighthouse Schools of Excellence highly praised the academic programs developed and implemented at Coopertown Middle, stating that such programs "represent a strong commitment to the academic and social success of all students"; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ribbon/Lighthouse Schools of Excellence is an organization established for the purpose of improving academic excellence for all children; the organization

has utilized twenty years of research from the United States of Education to develop a blueprint for excellence assessment that is used in evaluating schools for the award; and

WHEREAS, their school's selection as a Blue Ribbon/Lighthouse School of Excellence is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, teachers, students, and parents of the Coopertown Middle School community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Coopertown Middle School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Principal Mike Morris and the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents of Coopertown Middle School on their school being honored as a Blue Ribbon/Lighthouse School of Excellence and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.